बुनियादी ढांचे की सहायता के लिये निम्नलिखित दो योजनाएं भी चला रहा है :—

(1) राज्यों को राज सहायता प्राप्त दरों पर (50:50 के आधार पर) शहतूत की कलमों की सप्लाई ।

(2) किसान नर्सरी कार्यक्रमों के अन्तर्गत राजसहायता प्राप्त दरों (50:50 के आधार पर) किसानों को शहतूत की पौध की सप्लाई ।

Permission to Multinational Companies to enter Agriculture Sector

1281. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to permit the multinational companies to enter agriculture sector; if so, the details of the proposal;

(b) the specific sectors of agriculture where these will be permitted to enter; and

(c) what impact such a move will have on the industry in general and agro-based industries in particular ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Since 1986 MRTP/FERA companies have been permitted to enter in the area of certified high yielding seeds. In the New Industrial Policy, 1991 seed was considered a high priority industry for automatic approval of venture with 51% foreign equity.

(c) It is envisaged that this will improve the availability of raw material for agro-based industry and ultimately have a favourable impact on industrial development in general.

Agricultural Universities in the Country

1282. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Agricultural Universities, Agricultural and Veterinary Colleges, State-wise in the country;

(b) whether these institutes are adequate;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to start private Agricultural and Veterinary Colleges by giving permission to Charitable Trusts or Institutes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Sir, A statement is enclosed. (see below)

(b) Yes.

(c) and (d) Does not arise

Statement

Number of State Agril. Universities, Agriculture and Veterinary Colleges under them, Agricultural faculties of Central Universities, and Agril. Colleges affiliated to General Universities

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Agril. Universities (SAU)	Agril. Colleges with SAU	Vety. Colleges with SAU	Agril. Faculties of Central Universities	Agril. Colleges Affiliated to Gen. Univers.	Total Colleges	
							Agril.	Vety.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Tamil Nadu	2*	4	2	—	1	5	2
2.	Himachal Pradesh	2	1	1	—	—	1	1
3.	Gujarat	1	4	2	—	—	4	2
4.	Jammu & Kashmir ..	1	1	1	—	—	1	1
5.	Andhra Pradesh	1	6	2	—	—	6	2
6.	Karnataka	2	5	2	—	—	5	2
7.	Haryana	1	2	1	—	—	2	1
8.	Punjab	1	2	1	—	1	3	1
9.	Assam	1	2	2	—	—	2	2
10.	Madhya Pradesh	2	8	3	—	—	8	3
11.	West Bengal	1	2	1	1	—	3	1
12.	Uttar Pradesh	3	3	2	2	25	30	2
13.	Bihar	2	3	2	—	—	3	2
14.	Rajasthan	1	3	1	—	4	7	1
15.	Orissa	1	2	1	—	—	2	1
16.	Kerala	1	1	1	—	—	1	1
17.	Maharashtra	4	8	5	—	2	10	5
18.	Manipur	1£	—	—	1	—	1	—
19.	Nagaland	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
20.	Pondicherry	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
	TOTAL	28	57	30	5	34	96	30

*Includes Tamil Nadu Veterinary & Animal Science University.

£.Central Agricultural University with headquarter at Imphal is meant for 6 states of N.E. region.

Remunerative Prices to Farmers

1283. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the farmers growing groundnuts, mirchi, tobacco, cotton are not getting remunerative prices; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are contemplating in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The current wholesale prices of groundnuts, mirchi (chillies), tobacco and cotton do not reveal that the farmers are not getting remunerative prices. The prices of ground-